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STRENGTHENING OF THE COORDINATION OF HUMANITARIAN AND DISASTER RELIEF ASSISTANCE OF THE UNITED NATIONS, INCLUDING SPECIAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE: SPECIAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES OR REGIONS

Ghana*: revised draft resolution

Assistance for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Liberia

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 45/232 of 21 December 1990, 46/147 of 17 December 1991, 47/154 of 18 December 1992 and 48/197 of 21 December 1993,

Taking note of Security Council resolution 950 (1994) of 21 October 1994, in which the Council, inter alia, decided to extend the mandate of the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia until 13 January 1995, called on all factions to cease hostilities and agree to a timetable for disarmament and demobilization, and called on the Liberian National Transitional Government and all Liberians to seek political accommodation and national reconciliation,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General, 1/

Commending the Economic Community of West African States for its continuing efforts to find a resolution of the conflict and to restore peace and stability in Liberia,

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* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of African States.

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Commending also the positive role being played by the President of Ghana, in his capacity as current Chairman of the Economic Community of West African States, to reactivate the peace process and find a durable solution to the conflict,

Noting that, even though a viable country-wide emergency assistance programme has been instituted, security and logistic problems continue seriously to hamper relief assistance, particularly in the interior, and have prevented the transition from emergency relief to reconstruction and development,

Gravely concerned about the devastating effects of the protracted conflict on the socio-economic conditions in Liberia, and noting the urgent need to rehabilitate, in an atmosphere of peace and stability, basic sectors of the country in order to restore normalcy,

Recognizing the importance of the commitment to the peace process by all parties and factions and the need to create an enabling environment in which assistance can be delivered,

1. Expresses its gratitude to Member States and international and non-governmental organizations that have responded and continue to respond to appeals by the Liberian National Transitional Government and to the appeals by the Secretary-General for emergency assistance;

2. Expresses its gratitude to the Secretary-General for his continuing efforts to mobilize the international community, the United Nations and other organizations to provide emergency assistance to Liberia, and urges that such assistance be continued;

3. Calls upon the international community and intergovernmental organizations to provide Liberia with technical, financial and other assistance for the repatriation and resettlement of Liberian refugees, returnees and displaced persons and for the rehabilitation of combatants, which constitute important elements for facilitating the transition from emergency assistance to reconstruction and the holding of democratic elections in Liberia;

4. Appeals to the international community and intergovernmental organizations to provide adequate assistance to programmes identified in the report of the Secretary-General, 1/ including the preparation of a new appeal for humanitarian assistance to cover emergency assistance needs and to support the peace process, strengthening existing programmes and projects to stimulate the local economy through, inter alia, increased agricultural output and food-aid monetization, and supporting the formulation of an economic rehabilitation strategy and area development scheme to assist the resettlement and reintegration of affected communities;

5. Reiterates its appeal to the international community and intergovernmental organizations to contribute generously to the Trust Fund established by the Secretary-General, in order to enable the Military Observer Group of the Economic Community of West African States to fulfil its mandate and to help defray the cost of deployment of additional troops from outside the subregion;

6. Calls upon all parties and factions in Liberia to respect fully the security and safety of personnel of the United Nations and the specialized agencies, as well as of non-governmental organizations, to guarantee their complete freedom of movement throughout Liberia, and to take all measures necessary to create an atmosphere conducive to the successful resolution of the Liberian conflict;

7. Requests the Secretary-General:

(a) To continue his efforts to coordinate the work of the United Nations system and to mobilize financial, technical and other assistance for the holding of democratic elections and the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Liberia;

(b) To undertake, when conditions permit, in close collaboration with the authorities of Liberia, an overall assessment of needs, with the objective of holding, when appropriate, a round-table conference of donors for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Liberia;

8. Also requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session on the implementation of the present resolution;

9. Decides to consider at its fiftieth session the question "International assistance for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Liberia".

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